

MUTT & JEFF—Even the Bull Moose Party is Somewhat Particular.



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By BUD FISHER GOTCH SIGNS UP

He's on Record as Ready to Meet Stecher of Nebraska.

Circus Owner May Promote Match in Kansas City.

(BY EDWARD W. SMITH.)
Chicago, June 15.—Frank Gotch, wrestling champion of the world, has signed to meet Joe Stecher, the Nebraska marvel, in a finish match for the title.
Harry Tammen, owner of the circus with which Gotch is now under contract, gave out news of the agreement in this city.
Gotch signed with Tammen the other day after a bantering match, in which Tammen dared him to make the match and show that he really wanted to see "which was the better man as between him and Stecher."
"I'm clear to sign," Gotch said, "because nobody has a signature. If you will promote the match, you can have my signature right now."
"I'm not in the promoting line, but if you want to sign I would like to see you do so," Tammen replied, and a short agreement was drawn up, to which Gotch affixed his signature.

Gotch has told me that he is not bound to anybody for this contest," Tammen said, in discussing the matter. "He did have some sort of an agreement with Stecher, but says this does not interfere with anything he will do with me."

"I'm willing to offer a flat guarantee of \$15,000 to Stecher to sign for a match with Gotch and we can decide later where it is to take place. I'm committed in any way to a place for the contest."

"They tell me Omaha would be an ideal spot, but I do not see that Omaha is any better than Kansas City or Chicago."

"Gotch is looking a whole lot better now than he has for some time and I'm firmly of the belief that he will quickly regain his form and be back as good as ever he was. It would appear to me that this talk about the match has resolved itself down merely to the question of what each man is to get for his end. Stecher has said that he wants as much as Gotch and as Gotch wants \$15,000, it looks like a hard proposition for anybody to swing."

Not a Certain Go.

"The main point of the whole thing is this: Gotch is showing an inclination to wrestle and that is what we want. Mind you, I've simply got Gotch's signature to make a match with Stecher for the world's championship. I'm bidding \$15,000 for Stecher's services. If he wants to take it, all well and good, we will start looking for a place for the match. If he doesn't want it, he can't argue with me. Somebody else can have the match and I'll let it go at that."

"But Gotch will wrestle; you can go and gamble on that."
Mr. Tammen will be in the city for a couple of days before rejoining the circus, which is now traveling eastward through Ohio. He says Jess Willard and Frank Gotch have proved the greatest cards that could have been obtained and that despite rainy weather business has been wonderful.

Kiro Defeats Silver Lake.

The Kiro baseball team defeated Silver Lake on the Kiro diamond by the score of 7 to 4. Frey and Whitman composed the Kiro battery and Coulter and Coulter worked for Silver Lake.

"Boer" Unholy Is Dead.
Los Angeles, June 15.—"Boer" Unholy, for years one of the best known boxers in the lightweight class, died here last night of tuberculosis. He was 33 years old.

Wouldn't Accept Mexican Money.
Mexico City, June 15.—William Hopfner, assistant manager of the Bank of London and Mexico, was arrested yesterday on a charge of refusing to accept Mexican Constitutionalist money of the Vera Cruz issue, and placed in the penitentiary pending trial. Bankers are said to be suffering as a result of the forced acceptance of money which is difficult to dispose of.

ONCE WARM RIVALS, NOW BUSINESS PALS

Manager Holmes, of the Lincoln Duck, announces that he has arranged for an additional pitcher, East and Gardner, who caught a new game bet in the penitentiary. East and Gardner are now doing the bulk of the pitching and it will not be long until they will be let up a bit to hold their place.

Now that the Bourkes are out of town and there is no danger of giving them the puffed cranium, it is probably permissible to say that they look like the one best bet in the penitentiary. Krug has a powerful machine, well balanced, smooth running and a certain hill climber.

BASEBALL TODAY.

Western League.
Lincoln at Topeka, clear, 3:30 p. m.
Sioux City at Wichita, clear, 3:15 p. m.
Omaha at St. Joe, clear, 3:15 p. m.
Des Moines at Denver, clear, 3:15 p. m.

National League.
Chicago at Brooklyn, cloudy, 3:30 p. m.
Pittsburgh at Boston, cloudy, 3:15 p. m.
St. Louis at New York, cloudy, 3:40 p. m.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, cloudy, 3:30 p. m.

American League.
Washington at St. Louis, cloudy, 4 p. m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, clear, 2:15 p. m.
New York at Cleveland, cloudy, 3:15 p. m.
Boston at Chicago, clear, 3 p. m.

American Association.
Columbus at Kansas City, clear, 3:30 p. m.
Toledo at Milwaukee, clear, 3 p. m.
Indianapolis at St. Paul, rain, 3 p. m.
Louisville at Minneapolis, rain, 3 p. m.

Eddie McGoorty (above) and Jimmy Clabby.
A year or so ago Eddie McGoorty and Jimmy Clabby hated each other bitterly. They were rivals then for middleweight honors and both were clearing the belt. Today they are firm friends and business partners in Sydney, Australia.

Up to the Minute SPORTING NEWS From Everywhere. BY "CLUG"

TOPEKA GETS ALL

State Golf Tourney To Be Held Here Next Year.

Arch M. Catlin Elected President of Association.

Emporia, Kan., June 15.—Arch M. Catlin, prominent Topeka business man and sportsman, was elected president of the State Golf Association at the meeting and annual banquet of the members who are here attending the state tournament. George T. McDermott, also of Topeka, was elected vice president, and the only other honor left to be conferred—that of awarding the 1917 state tournament—also went to the capital city.

The results of the first day's championship play showed that Harlow Hurley, of Topeka, was still in the race for the state title, and indications were that he and T. Griffith, present champion, would meet for the honor in the final struggle. Hurley came through the second round of the championship flight with colors flying and it was freely predicted that if he could hold the same form throughout he would be a winner.

In the first round the Topekan defeated Sam Hutton, of Hutchinson, 5 and 3, and he took the second round from Loy Harris, of Emporia, 5 and 3. Griffith, the title holder, was given a close race by Arthur Bonebrake, the Topeka club wonder, who after a hard start made a phenomenal gain on the champion and played him hard to the last three holes. The Topeka players who are still in the race for the championship honor are Hurley, Merriam, Cooper and Felix, all of whom have gone through the second round.

In the first round of the president's flight, Gano, of Hutchinson, won from Goodrich, of Topeka, 1 and 6. Pat Campbell, of Topeka, lost to Jones, of Lawrence, 3 and 1. Topping, of Ottawa, defeated Humphries, Topeka, 5 and 1. Porter, of Ottawa, won from Bullock, 3 and 2.

Still Have Chance.

In the president's flight, Jones of Lawrence, Topping of Ottawa, Gano of Hutchinson, and O. Carl of Lawrence are undefeated. In the president's consolation, Barteldes, Lawrence, Humphries, Topeka, Goodrich, Topeka, and Petro, Hutchinson, have passed the second round.

W. Cole, Ottawa; Whiteside,

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Clubs—	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Omaha	27	17	.614
Lincoln	24	21	.529
Des Moines	24	24	.500
Wichita	21	24	.467
Denver	21	24	.467
St. Joe	21	24	.467
Topeka	20	25	.444

Clubs—	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Philadelphia	26	19	.578
New York	25	25	.500
Boston	21	22	.488
Cincinnati	20	26	.435
Pittsburgh	20	26	.435
St. Louis	21	30	.412

Clubs—	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Cleveland	31	19	.620
Washington	25	25	.500
Detroit	26	24	.520
Chicago	23	24	.489
St. Paul	17	35	.327
Philadelphia	15	30	.333

Clubs—	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Indianapolis	29	20	.592
Louisville	29	20	.592
Kansas City	29	22	.568
Minneapolis	29	22	.568
Columbus	29	20	.592
Toledo	17	35	.429
Milwaukee	15	35	.312

Hutchinson, and Samuel, Emporia, eliminated their opponents in the second round of the directors' tournament.

Sixteen golfers qualified for the also ran cup.

OMAHA TRAP TOURNAMENT.

Nicola, of Kansas City, Wins Preliminary Event With 97 Score.
Omaha, Neb., June 15.—George Nicola, of Kansas City, won the preliminary event of the western handicapped trap shooting tournament here. He broke 97 out of a possible 100. L. R. Conn, of Panama, Neb.; E. Tappan, of Hoagland, Neb.; and O. M. Coleman, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, tied for second place in the preliminary, with 98 out of a possible 100.

O. C. Bottger, of Ollie, Ill., and Frank Card, of Des Moines, Iowa, tied for first place in the western special. Both broke 99 targets out of a possible 100. John Crater, of Louisville, Neb.; L. Wagoner, of Diller, Neb.; J. R. Hahn, of Davenport, Iowa; and P. R. Miller, followed, all with records of 98. Six professionals, Ed Banks, Del Cross, R. W. Clancy, H. L. Kennicott, Bill Crosby and Bart Lewis, hit for 98. He this event. Bart Lewis, of Auburn, Ill., professional, made a new high run of 199.

ON THE BOTTOM

Omahogs Gave Savages a Final Push Wednesday.

Nothing Left to Do but Climb Upward From Now On.

Marty Krug and his heartless Omahogs gave the Savages a final push Wednesday afternoon before leaving Topeka in triumph and as a result Topeka spent the night down with the cold, lifeless furnace and the pale tender mushrooms.

As to how long we are destined to stay below the sod line, only the future can tell. However, there is one consolation at least. Dropping further is impossible. There is no third course left—no second alternative. Lattimore and his battlers must either climb or starve where they are. There can be no further downward slides. And this very fact is liable to produce a change for the better.

It was nothing extraordinary about the downward trip except the remarkable speed in which the journey was made. Last week the team was in fourth place. But just when this position was reached Omaha came to town and three short days were all that were required to drop to the bottom. But there is consolation in this, too, and that is that the same journey can be made in the same time if the team plays the proper kind of ball.

The last lap of the down grade slide, made Wednesday afternoon, was one of the few really "punk" contests that have been played here this season. The playing of both teams had frazzled on it, and the umpiring of Ollie Anderson was of the kind that is sure to have in Hades for the punishment of good sport fans.

Not only did Anderson call 'em bad, but he was mean and despotic about it, and when Eddie Monroe protested a perfect strike that he called a ball when Cy Forsythe was at bat, Anderson took what little life remained in the Topeka players away by benching Monroe.

He also put Hall off the coaching line without any real cause for doing so and did other things that were highly displeasing to the spectators. But the loss of the game cannot be blamed on the umpire, and what he did only helped make a miserable performance more miserable.

The Omahogs got their ragged playing out of their system in the last half of the first inning when four hits and two errors were allowed to net four runs. After that they settled down and played their usual steady game, allowing only one more score, which came in the sixth. The famous O'Toole did not look very classy at the beginning of the contest, but as it grew older he seemed to get better and his last two innings were his best.

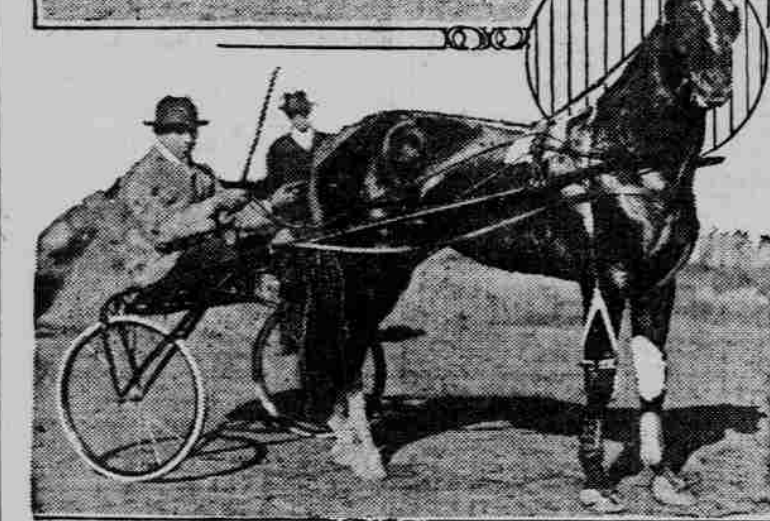
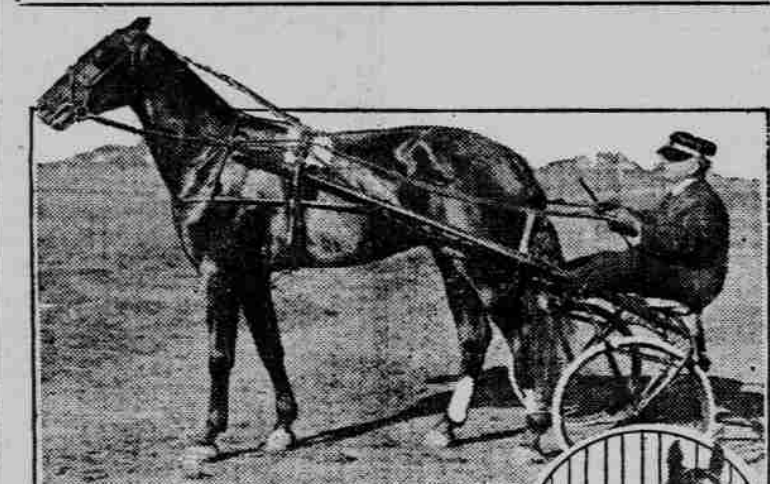
Big Spill in Fourth.

The first of the fourth was the big bean spilling session for the Savages. Six hits and a walk were made off "Pete" Henning before he was relieved by West and before the last out was made a total of five runs had been put across. Previous to that, however, in the second frame three hits and one error had given the Krug clan a pair.

After West took the box he held his opponents to a hit an inning and the run they made from him was in the seventh, when Cochran made an inexcusable error that allowed Kruger to get to first, the latter scoring a few minutes later on Forsythe's double to center.

Although the Savages did not play any better ball than they have been playing during the last few days, they did do some real scrapping and apparently were exerting themselves to the utmost.

ROOMING WILLIAM TO BREAK WORLD'S RECORD MADE IN 1915 BY DIRECTUM I



William (top) and Directum I.

William is now being trained at North Randall, Ohio, by "Doc" Tanner, to break the record of his old enemy, Directum I, which set the unspaced mark at 1:56 1/2, at Syracuse last fall, the fastest mile ever negotiated by a harness horse "in the open," that is, without a pacemaker in front to break the wind.

Many folks have the erroneous idea that Jackson is called "shoeless" because he used to play in his bare feet down south. The "shoeless" title came about in this way: While Joe's total was missing one day just before game time in the little southern town where he performed early in his youth. Another player, with an extra pair of shoes, loaned them to Joe. The shoes were far too small for Jackson, but he squeezed his feet into them in some way and proceeded to his work.

Along about the fourth inning the shoes hurt Jackson so much that he took them off while in the outfield, laying them on the grass alongside. For two or three innings he got away with it—no one discovered he was playing in his stocking feet. But a short time later he had to race in back of the infield for a "Texas league" sweat and then the stockinged feet were noticed.

"You've got a shoeless player, eh?" commented the rival manager, and ever afterward Jackson became known as the "shoeless wonder."

THE LAST DROP

Players—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Krug, 2b	5	0	2	7	1	0
Smith, lf	4	0	2	1	0	0
Thompson, cf	4	0	2	1	0	0
Muller, lb	4	1	2	6	0	0
Kruger, c	5	2	0	6	2	1
Forsythe, rf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Kilduff, ss	5	1	3	0	1	1
Burg, 3b	4	0	0	2	5	0
O'Toole, p	3	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	37	8	13	27	9	2

Players—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Cochran, ss	5	1	2	9	0	2
Agler, 1b	4	0	0	9	0	0
Goodwin, 3b	4	1	2	1	4	0
Schweitzer, lf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Kruger, c	4	0	0	2	0	0
Trainer, rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Monroe, cf	1	0	0	2	0	0
Lattimore, 2b	4	0	1	3	0	0
Hennings, p	1	0	0	2	0	0
West, p	2	0	1	1	0	0
Tydemann	1	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	35	5	11	27	9	2

*Batted for West in fifth.
Score by innings:
Omaha 0
Topeka 0
Summary: Two base hits—Kilduff, Forsythe, Sacrifice hits—Smith, Sacrifice flies—Thompson, Burg, Kruger. Stolen bases—Lattimore. Struck out—By Hennings, 1; by West, 2; by O'Toole, 1. First on balls—Off Hennings, 1; off West, 2; off O'Toole, 1. Left on bases—Omaha, 6; Topeka, 3. Hits—Off Hennings 8 in 3 1/2 innings; off West 4 in 2 2/3 innings. Umpire—Anderson. Time—2:00.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

Topeka-Omaha game only one played Wednesday.

TY HIS NEMESIS

Cobb Has Always Overshadowed Joe Jackson at Bat.

Always He's Just a Bit Ahead of Shoeless Wonder.

(BY FRANK G. MENKE.)
New York, June 15.—Fortune hasn't smiled with any real sweetness upon Joe Jackson. His achievements over the sweep of four campaigns were great enough to have caused him to be heralded as "the greatest player in the game." But Fate kept Ty Cobb in the frolic and Joe never has ranked better than a runner up.

Cobb has acted as an eclipse of Jackson's greatness. No matter what deeds Joe performed, Ty went just a bit beyond—just enough farther to cloud the brilliance of the "shoeless wonder."

Back in 1911, Joe's first full season as a major leaguer, he clubbed for the wonderful average of .408. In the entire 40 year history of the modern game, only about a dozen batters have gone beyond .400. It would seem that such a showing with the bludgeon must win because that was the year when Ty Cobb slugged his record mark of .420—and Joe finished second.

Cobb His Nemesis.
The following season—1912—Jackson hit for .395—and Cobb again beat him to the wire with .416. No matter how well Joe performed, Ty's accomplishments were a bit superior. And Fate seems to have had a hand in it, because when Ty has slumped, a Jinx has similarly afflicted Joe. Luck never has been with Jackson. The "breaks" have gone to Cobb—all of them.

In 1913 Jackson hit for .373—and Cobb went to .390. In 1914 Jackson dropped to .328 and Cobb to .368. Last season Cobb hit .370 while Joe's total was only .308. Had Joe amassed his .408 and .395 averages in any other years than 1911 or 1912 he would have acquired the honor of being the batting leader of the Johnson circuit.

But Fortune ruled that he should hit always below Cobb.

This season the same state of affairs exists. Cobb hasn't been breezing along as merrily as of yore. If he finishes around .360 for the year he will be surprising many. Jackson has beaten that mark in three starts out of five. His grand average from 1911 to 1915 inclusive is .364. But now that the opportunity is before him, Joe doesn't seem to be able to grasp it. Ty isn't connective with any degree of frequency—but Joe is hitting with lesser degree.

Five years a big league star; five years of hitting for an average of .344; once a .408 hitter, but never the batting leader. That is Joe's history.

Why He's Shoeless Joe.
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PIRATES DRIVE IN RUNS JUST LIKE WE DID MONDAY

John McGraw once said the Pirates were a three-hit-to-a-run club. His attention is called to this exhibition of Jimmy Callahan's crew: Knabe doubled; Schmidt tried to bunt him to third, missed the ball and Knabe was thrown out at third; Schmidt singled and was thrown out trying to steal; three singles in a row followed—and one run was scored. That's four singles and a two-bagger to get over one run. In the same game the Pirates had a man on third with one out twice—and couldn't score. Jim Callahan sure is getting results out of his system of play.

Western Association Results.

Muskogee 3; Fort Smith 2.
McAlester 4; Paris 1.
Oklahoma City 4; Sherman 3.

College Baseball Results.

Columbia University 2; Raeneller Polytechnic 5.
Holy Cross 2; Boston College 0.

Still Selling Suits

Scores of people have taken time by the forelock and secured one, two and in some instances three suits at our wonderful reduction sale now in progress. Think of it! Hirsch-Wickwire, Collegian and Society Brand Clothes in \$20, \$22, \$25 and \$30 values—fine, clean, stylish models, no old foggy patterns, but the very best money will buy. This sale will last until July 5th, when the offerings will be withdrawn. Mark this well: It may be the last bona fide sale you will have opportunity to participate in this year. All grades of clothing are advancing rapidly, and your chance is growing less each day. You will find at least 500 suits to select from in this assortment, and for your convenience they are arranged on the south side of our daylight clothing room. Here are two things to remember: We will make alterations free. If the suits are not as represented, or if they prove unsatisfactory, we will replace them free of charge. All sizes in regulars, stouts or extra longs at one price of

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